



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1231

**United States Fire Administration Authorization Act
for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation on October 8, 1997*

SUMMARY

S. 1231 would extend and increase the authorization of appropriations for the United States Fire Administration (USFA). The bill would authorize appropriations of about \$30 million for fiscal year 1998 and \$31 million for fiscal year 1999 for the programs, salaries, and expenses of the USFA. In addition, the bill would amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to ensure that all references to the National Fire Protection Association standards are updated as changes to these standards are made. Finally, S. 1231 would require the USFA to compile two reports—one to describe USFA donations of educational equipment to schools and another to examine the risks that firefighters face in suppressing fires caused by burning tires.

Assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized for 1998 and 1999, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would result in new discretionary spending of approximately \$60 million over the 1998-2002 period. Of that total, \$29 million has already been appropriated for 1998.

The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1231 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated each year and that spending will occur at historical rates for the USFA. (For 1998, \$29 million of the \$30 million authorization has already been provided by Public Law 105-65.) The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1231 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
USFA Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	31	29	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	29	30	14	4	1	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	1	31	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	0	19	7	4	1
USFA Spending Under S. 1231						
Authorization Level ^a	31	30	31	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	29	30	33	11	5	1

a. The 1997 and 1998 levels are the amounts appropriated for those years.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1231 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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